

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the potential abuses inherent in media consolidation, and creates an unfair advantage in favor of the presidential candidate favored by Sinclair's owners.

The airwaves belong to the public, and the FCC's role is to protect the public interest in allowing corporations to use them free of charge. Instead, as a shrinking number of companies has come to control most of the airwaves, programming decisions increasingly reflect only what is most profitable for the owners of those companies, and ceases to consider the needs of the public.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.